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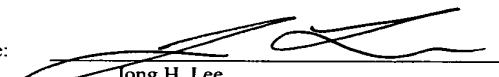
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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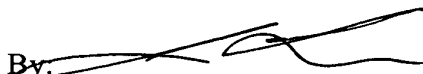
In response to the requirement for election of species contained in the Office Action dated November 27, 2006, Applicant elects Species VI shown in Fig. 8 (corresponding to claims 1-4, and 6-25) for further prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-4 and 6-25 are readable on the elected species.

Applicant respectfully requests that, upon allowance of a generic claim, claims directed to other species and including all the limitations of the allowed generic claim be considered, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

Respectfully submitted,

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